



# NEWSLETTER

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## PAUL VINCZE TO DESIGN EXCLUSIVE CHURCHILL COMMEMORATIVE FOR NCS

Following the precedent set with the first NCS collector's case, the Board of Directors has selected the subject for the first commemorative in the second collector's case (which will be the 11th NCS commemorative coin-medal) and the members will select each of the succeeding subjects by ballot.

The subject selected by the Board for the 11th NCS commemorative is one that has been recently suggested by many members - a Memorial Tribute to Sir Winston Churchill, Man of the Century and the First Honorary Citizen of the United States.

The Board is also most honored to announce that it has arranged for Paul Vincze, who is certainly the world's most celebrated medallic sculptor, to design and sculpture this unique commemorative coin-medal for NCS.

Mr. Vincze has the unique distinction of having sculptured, at personal sittings, medallic portraits of Pope Paul, Queen Elizabeth and numerous other world dignitaries. His most recent work, the official Shakespeare Celebration medal, has met with unprecedented critical acclaim.

The numismatic world has long been awaiting a Vincze medallic portrait of Churchill. The Board of Directors of NCS is deeply appreciative to Mr. Vincze for granting NCS exclusive right to privately strike this numismatic treasure.

### MEMBERS TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO REOPEN MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

Although the prevailing sentiment appears to be definitely against the reopening of NCS membership rolls now, or even at any time in the future, only a small number of members have been heard from on the subject.

Therefore, at the suggestion of several members, the Board has prepared a special ballot which is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The results of this balloting will determine whether or not the membership rolls are reopened this year, or in the future. All members are urged to vote on this question.

A sampling of the opinions expressed recently on the subject will be found in the "Mailbag" section this month.

### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TO BE SUBJECT OF 10TH NCS COMMEMORATIVE

By an overwhelming vote of the membership, the Declaration of Independence was selected as the subject for the 10th NCS commemorative coin-medal.

The final tally was not made until January 31, so that all those who received their ballots late would have an ample opportunity to have their votes counted. The results were:

A Commemorative of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence (1776) .....	1884
A Commemorative of the Ending of the Civil War (1865) .....	926
A Memorial Tribute to Will Rogers (1879-1935) .....	565
A Commemorative of the First Flight of the Wright Brothers (1903) .....	551

Irwin Frederick Springweiller has been selected as the sculptor for the Declaration of Independence commemorative coin-

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model, Mr. Springweiler, who was born in Pforzheim, Germany in 1896 and studied in Munich, is one of the most respected medallist sculptors of our time. He is a fellow in the National Sculpture Society and has won numerous prizes for outstanding sculpture. He has designed two congressional gold medals, and his large statues grace the scene in Detroit and Washington. We are looking forward to Mr. Springweiler's execution of the 10th NCS commemorative subject with great anticipation.

Under the current rules, the subjects that poll the second and third largest number of votes are carried over to the current ballot. However, in this case where two of the subjects were virtually tied for third place, all three subjects are being carried over and only one new subject is thus being added to the current ballot.

The new subject, which has been nominated and seconded by a number of members is a memorial tribute to Abraham Lincoln, who was assassinated 100 years ago.

The current ballot is for the 12th NCS commemorative coin-medal, which is scheduled to be issued in June. This ballot must be received at NCS Headquarters by March 15 to be counted.

## **KENNEDY PLATINUM PROOF TO BE AUCTIONED AT SOUTHERN CALIF. CONVENTION**

The American Numismatic Association has selected the Numismatic Association of Southern California Auction as the place to offer Platinum Proof No. 1 of the NCS Kennedy Memorial Coin-Medal, which has been donated to A.N.A. for the benefit of the association's Building Fund.

This coveted platinum proof, which is the only platinum proof being offered for public sale of Anthony deFrancisci's last work, has been featured in the Southern California auction catalog with a full page description. It is expected to bring in excess of \$2,000.00.

In accordance with past custom, only two other platinum proofs were struck. Platinum proof No. 2 is being preserved by NCS for showing at the World's Fair and other special exhibitions. Platinum proof No. 3 belongs to the Smithsonian Institution.

## **FIVE DIES CRACKED IN THE PRODUCTION OF LAST COMMEMORATIVE**

Production of the last NCS commemorative coin-medal, honoring the Statue of Liberty, was beset with a series of delays that resulted in the run being completed 5 weeks late.

There was an initial delay of 3 weeks in starting the run, while waiting for new equipment to be received and installed at the new Franklin Mint, at which NCS coin-medals are now being struck. Then, there was an additional delay of approximately 2 weeks in completing the run, as a result of 5 obverse dies cracking in a row.

The cracked dies were attributed to a peculiarity in the design of this coin-medal which required excessive pressure to "bring up" the full design. The base of the Statue of Liberty called for considerably more silver to flow to one part of the edge than to other parts of the edge. To push the silver thus far required a pressure of 500,000 pounds. The press used at the Franklin Mint could generate up to twice this pressure, but even the hardest die steel couldn't take it for more than a few blows. The problem was finally solved by soft annealing the planchets and thus cutting the pressure required back to 450,000 pounds. This was just safely under the limit that the die steel could stand, and the run was thus completed without any additional dies cracking. Coincidentally, the Statue of Liberty itself weighs 450,000 pounds. Thus, it actually took a pressure equal to the weight of the Statue of Liberty to produce each proof.

Even 450,000 pounds is more pressure, however, than is usually applied to coin a piece of silver this size. Evidence of the tremendous pressure can be seen by the minute "flow marks" radiating from the center of both sides.

Another consequence of the pressure required to coin this design is the sharp edge around the reverse. Several members have reported that this sharp edge has scratched the plastic coin holder. If this is the case with your coin holder, please let us know and we will send you another coin holder.

A new type of coin holder will be introduced with the 11th NCS coin-medal. This coin holder will eliminate the problem of scratches from sharp edges.



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## CASH PRIZES TO BE AWARDED FOR BEST NCS MEMBER DISPLAYS

Beginning with the second calendar quarter of 1965 (April 1 to June 30), a \$250.00 CASH PRIZE will be awarded each quarter to the NCS member who presents the *most interesting exhibit of NCS material* at any coin show or coin club meeting during the period.

In addition, at the end of each year, the Board of Directors will select the "Best of Year" winner from among the quarterly winners - and this honored member will be awarded a *Lifetime Paid-Up Membership* in the National Commemorative Society.

The rules are simple:

1. The exhibit can be presented at any coin show or coin club meeting where displays of numismatic material are welcome.

2. The exhibit must show some individual creativity or imagination on the part of the exhibitor. It does not necessarily have to include every one of the NCS coin-medals issued.

3. A good-quality photograph of the display must be submitted to NCS together with the following information:

- Name, address and number of the member.
- Date and place of the exhibition.
- Mention of any award or special reception given by the coin club or the convention to the display.

4. The same display may be entered more than once, unless it has already won a quarterly NCS cash prize. But, each time it is entered it must be exhibited at a different place.

5. Entries for the 2nd quarter of 1965 must be exhibited at some time between April 1 and June 30, and a photograph of

the display must be submitted to NCS by July 10.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for you to win cash and recognition for your creative efforts and at the same time to show off your unique collection of NCS proofs.

Have fun, and maybe you'll be a winner also. We don't expect very many entries each quarter, so the competition should be relatively easy.

### IWO JIMA COIN-MEDAL SCULPTURED BY NOTED ROBERT A. WEINMAN

The 9th NCS commemorative coin-medal, commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Flag Raising at Iwo Jima, has been designed and sculptured by Robert A. Weinman.

Mr. Weinman is the son of A. A. Weinman, one of the most famous American sculptors of all time. In his own right, Robert A. Weinman has achieved distinction in medallion sculpture, architectural sculpture and statuary.

In the field of medallion art, Mr. Weinman was responsible for the Roger Williams medal for the Hall of Fame, the Emerson and Thoreau Award for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; twelve medals for the National Collegiate Athletic Association and recently, the Sixty-Ninth Issue of the Society of Numismatists.

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### MONTHLY SCHEDULE RESUMED

In last month's Newsletter, I told you that the next several NC's could be held as follows: would be struck three weeks apart, instead of a month apart, to make up for the time lost while our new meeting facilities were being established. I am glad to hear that

ENDING OF CIVIL WAR  
FINALLY MAKES IT

After appearing on the monthly roster for four successive months, each time polling the second largest number of votes, the 100th Anniversary of the End of Slavery has finally been selected by the members as the subject for 1985 commemorative. It will be the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, confirmed by legislation, on January 1, 1863.

The industry that polishes the ancient and often neglected corner of 100% wool being cottonized for the two current booms, in addition to *trousserettes*, *shorts*, *pyjamas* and *bed-spreads*, is also the largest producer of wool in the world because it serves the entire industry. It is worth noting that the previous century the wool of the last few years had been used for a few years' wool, but now it is used for a few years' wool, but now it is used for a few years' wool.

NEXT PLATINUM AUCTION  
IN SAN FRANCISCO

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 200 NMU Commemorative, the Pilgrims Landing 100¢ Medal, is scheduled to be offered at Southern California Numismatic Auction on Saturday, May 8, at approximately 8:00 PM, at the Jack Tar Hotel, a Southern California location.

## CORRECTION



# NEWSLETTER

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## NCS COLLECTOR'S CASE IMPROVED; OFFERED TO MEMBERS AT NEW LOW PRICE

The ten-compartment NCS collector's case has been improved in a number of ways, and a new contract has been negotiated with the manufacturer of these cases to bring the cost down from \$8.50 to \$7.50 for NCS members only.

On the outside, the improved case looks identical to the old case, with two important exceptions:

1. It now has two locks instead of one, and each of these locks is better than the single lock previously used. By putting two locks nearer the sides of the case, instead of one lock in the center, the case will now be held more firmly closed and the top compartment locked.
2. There is now room for a large nameplate in the center, where the single lock used to be. This nameplate, which will be supplied with each case in the future at no extra charge, identifies the group of proofs contained in the case and the membership serial number.

Beside the case, the big improvement is that the platform has been formed with deeper cavities to hold the individual coin holders more firmly. And there is now a cavity for the identifying nameplate that goes with each proof, so each nameplate can be accurately positioned inside the cavity.

NCS members who order within limits any of these new collector's cases at this time for \$7.50 can still use cases formerly for \$8.50. The member will also receive four nameplate nameplates engraved with his membership number and the legend *STERLING SILVER PROOFS OF THE 11th THROUGH THE 14th NCS COMMEMORATIVE COIN-MEDALS*. If you order the collector's case, the member will receive one gold nameplate

plates—each engraved with his membership number and the legend *STERLING SILVER PROOFS OF THE 11th THROUGH THE 14th NCS COMMEMORATIVE COIN-MEDALS*, and the other engraved with his membership number and the legend *STERLING SILVER PROOFS OF THE 11th THROUGH THE 20th COMMEMORATIVE COIN-MEDALS*.

The coin holder cavities in these new collector's cases will be octagonal-shaped rather than square-shaped, to accommodate the new octagonal-shaped 14c coin holders in which NCS proofs, beginning with the 11th, will be issued.

A set of 10 of these new octagonal coin holders, which will hold NCS proofs without scratching under normal conditions, may be ordered for \$1.50 to replace the first 10 coin holders. They will be offered through coin dealers later this year for 25¢ each.

There will also be an improvement in the individual identifying nameplates that go with each NCS proof, beginning with the 11th. At the request of many members, the nameplate will now feature the name of the sculptor-designer. A replacement set of the first 10 nameplates, each featuring the name of the sculptor-designer, may be ordered now for only \$1.00.

So, for an additional expenditure of \$10.00 (\$7.50 for a new collector's case, \$1.50 for 10 of the new improved coin holders and \$1.00 for 10 of the new improved nameplates) you can make your first collector's case perfectly match your second collector's case.

## ALL STAR LINE-UP OF MEDALLIC SCULPTORS WORKING FOR NCS MEMBERS

The 10th NCS commemorative coin medal, which is being sent to each NCS member together with this issue of the Newsletter, was designed by Frank E. Springweller. Mr. Springweller is one of the most respected medallie sculptors of our time. He is a fellow in the National Sculpture Society and has won numerous prizes for outstanding sculpture. He has designed two congressional gold medals and his large statues grace the scenes in Detroit and Washington.

The 11th NCS commemorative coin medal, which will pay tribute to Sir Winston Churchill, has been designed and sculptured by Paul Vincze. Mr. Vincze is generally considered to be the most celebrated medallie sculptor in the world today. He has the unique distinction of having sculptured, mostly in personal settings, medallie portraits of Pope Pius, Queen Elizabeth, Nkrumah and numerous other world dignitaries. Although there are numerous other Churchill medals now being struck, none will equal Mr. Vincze's incomparable work. And, Mr. Vincze has given the exclusive rights to strike his Churchill medallie portraits only to NCS and to the Royal Mint of London.

The 12th NCS commemorative coin medal, which will honor Abraham Lincoln, is now being sculptured by Karl Gruppe. Mr. Gruppe is a past president and fellow of the National Sculpture Society. He is an Academician of the National Academy of Design and seated on the Art Commission of the City of New York for two terms. He is the recipient of the Saltus Gold Medal of merit and has received many other medals for distinguished study and notable sculpture.

The 13th NCS commemorative coin medal, which will catch in the 100th anniversary of the ending of the Civil War, will be designed and sculptured by Southern Angela Gregory. Miss Gregory has designed so many medals and honors she has become a legend to her own time. The medallie coins she sculptured for the Bicentennial of the Battle of New Orleans won the first medal to her illustration from a United States postmaster.

Beginning with the next issue of the Newsletter, a preface and more con-

tents, beginning with the 10th NCS commemorative medal, will be included in the "Early Edition" of this month.

## WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE SELECTED BY MEMBERS FOR 14th NCS COMMEMORATIVE

A coin medal commemorating Washington's Crossing of the Delaware has been selected by the members as the subject for the 14th NCS commemorative, which is scheduled to be issued in September.

Here is the tally of the ballots received by the closing date, May 10:

- 1. Crossing of the Delaware by  
Colonel William Mifflin (1992)
- 2. Commemorative of the First Battle of  
the Clouds by Benjamin Franklin  
(1993)
- 3. The Battle of the Clouds by  
Benjamin Franklin (1994)
- 4. The Battle of the Clouds by  
Benjamin Franklin (1995)

The subjects that polled the second and third largest number of votes are being carried over to the October ballot. Two new subjects, which have been nominated and sanctioned by recent members, remain upon the list in the ballot. The two new subjects were:

- 1. The Battle of the Clouds by  
Benjamin Franklin (1996)
- 2. Commemorative of the First Battle of the Clouds by  
Benjamin Franklin (1997)

The current ballot is for the 15th NCS commemorative, platinum proof, which is scheduled to be issued in October. This ballot must be received at NCS headquarters by June 30th to be counted.

## NCS BECOMES SECOND BENEFACTOR OF A.N.A.

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the NCS Statue of Liberty Coin-Medal was sold at the Central States Convention Auction in Chicago on April 24 for \$2,300.00 on behalf of the ANA Building Fund. This brought the total donated by the National Commemorative Society to the ANA Building Fund over the \$10,000.00 mark and NCS thus became the second "Benefactor" of the American Numismatic Association. (The first was Whitman Publishing Company.) All NCS members may be justly proud of this accomplishment.



# NEWSLETTER

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## NCS CHURCHILL MEMORIAL COIN-MEDAL PROOF RESERVED FOR LADY CHURCHILL

The gifted hands of the world's foremost medallic sculptor, Paul Vincze of London, have reached across the sea to give NCS members a true numismatic treasure—the long-awaited NCS Churchill Memorial Coin-Medal. And, at Vincze's request, Sterling Silver Proof No. 0009 has been reserved for a special presentation to Lady Churchill.

Vincze has stated that this commission was one of the most challenging of his career. Sir Winston never had time for the lengthy personal sitting that was promised in years past, so Vincze had to work primarily from sketches he made of Churchill in the House of Commons shortly after World War II. The resulting medallic portrait is certainly, by anyone's standards, a masterpiece.

Amid a torrent of Churchill medals, this NCS memorial tribute by Vincze stands out alone for its unique quality of sculpturing, true proof finish and exclusivity of issue. It may well become the most coveted and valuable numismatic Churchill tribute for all time. Even before it was issued, at least one coin dealer was advertising a single sterling silver proof of this piece for \$100.00.

### PILGRIMS LANDING PROOF BRINGS \$2,125.00

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the NCS Pilgrims Landing Coin-Medal was sold at the Southern California Convention Auction in San Francisco on May 8 for \$2,125.00. The successful bidder was Robert Casey of Sacramento, Calif. This brought NCS's contribution to the American Numismatic Association's National Home & Headquarters Fund up to \$13,025.00, making NCS the largest contributor to date.

The next NCS platinum proof to be auctioned will be Platinum Proof No. 1 of the Hoover Memorial Coin-Medal, which will be offered at the ANA convention auction in Houston, Texas in August. More details in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.

### No. 2 PLATINUM PROOFS BACK AT WORLD'S FAIR

An enlarged display of Platinum Proofs No. 2 of the first

medals is being brought back to the New York World's Fair. It will be presented on the ground floor of the Transportation & Travel Pavilion from July 1 until the close of the Fair.

# **WRIGHT BROTHERS FLIGHT SELECTED BY NCS MEMBERS FOR 15th COMMEMORATIVE**

By a plurality of only 20 votes, the First Flight of the Wright Brothers has been selected by the members as the subject for the 15th NCS commemorative, which is scheduled to be issued in October.

Here is a tally of the ballots received by the deadline:

A Commemorative of the First Flight of the Wright Brothers	1463
A Memorial Tribute to the Heroic Sacrifice of the Four Chaplains .. .. .	1443
A Memorial Tribute to Will Rogers .. .. .	717
A Commemorative of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 13th Amendment	197

The two subjects that polled the second and third largest number of votes are being carried over to the current ballot. Two new subjects, which have been nominated and seconded by several members, are now being added to the ballot. The two new subjects are:

- A Commemorative of Paul Revere's Famous Ride
- A Commemorative of the Gemini 4 Space Flight

The current ballot is for the 16th NCS commemorative coin-medal, which is scheduled to be

must be received at NCS headquarters by July 10 to be counted.

# **NEW IMPROVED NAMEPLATE AND OCTAGONAL COIN HOLDER INTRODUCED**

Beginning with this NCS coin-medal, the accompanying nameplate will include the sculptor's name each month. And, the new style coin holder features these improvements:

1. It is octagonal, which makes it easier to orient properly, without opening, if the coin shifts in position.
2. It is made of Lucite, which is better than nearly any other plastic, optically and physically.
3. It is opened by prying apart the two halves at any point along the outside edge, rather than by sliding apart, which makes it much less likely to get scratched inside.

An extra set of 10 of the new Lucite octagonal coin holders is still available, to replace the old style holders, at the special price of \$1.50 per set to NCS members. A replacement set of the first 10 nameplates, each featuring the name of the sculptor of that coin-medal, is also available. The price—\$1.00 per complete set.

Those who have ordered these additional supplies and who have ordered new NCS collector's cases but have not yet received them, are asked to please be patient as the shipments are going out as fast as possible.





## NELSON BOULWARE WINS FIRST QUARTERLY NCS DISPLAY AWARD

*Nelson G. Boulware* of Bloomington, Illinois, has been awarded the first quarterly cash prize of \$250.00 for the most interesting display of NCS material presented between April 1 and June 30, 1965.



Nelson Boulware

His winning display was exhibited at the Peoria Coin Show at the County Fair-Grounds on May 16, and is pictured on the next page. It was a "non-competitive" display which he intends to eventually present to the Bloomington Public Library as a permanent donation.

In commenting on the reception to this display at the show, Boulware wrote, "The greatest enjoyment of the exhibition was in meeting fellow NCS members. The reception given the display was far beyond my expectations.

A doctor, from the Chicago area, offered me \$600 for my two memberships and the framed coin-medals, and was quite unbelieving when I told him I wouldn't sell them for four times that much."

A total of 24 NCS members submitted entries and, much to everyone's surprise and delight, 11 of them won 1st prize awards at the regional and local shows where they were exhibited.

*Glenn M. Tuttle* of San Diego, Calif. won the 1st Place (Best of Show) trophy for his NCS display at the Convair Coiners Show on June 16. He won 2nd Place trophies for the same exhibit at the 8th Annual Coinarama of the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council on June 4 and at the 13th Annual Numismatic Show at the San Diego County Fair on June 23.

*Major Joseph G. Killger*, U. S. Army Chaplain at Fort Knox, Ky., won a 1st Place trophy for his NCS display at the Kentucky

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Boulware's price-winning display, featuring the first nine NCS commemorative coin-medals.



Close-up of one of the nine individual frames making up the vertical part of Boulware's display.



# NEWSLETTER

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*August, 1965*

## NEW NOMINATION PROCEDURE TO BE TRIED OUT FOR THREE MONTHS

Up to this time, the procedure for nominating NCS subjects was to simply send in a letter or postcard with your suggestion. Those subjects which were nominated spontaneously by at least two members in two different States were considered to have been duly nominated and seconded. The many subjects that passed this first test then were presented to the Board of Directors. After review by the Board, two new subjects were selected each month to replace the one that came in first and the one that came in last on the previous month's ballot.

This method has seemed to work out quite well, and it appears that the majority of NCS members are satisfied with it. However, since there are a number of letters received each month from members who feel that there is no subject on the ballot that they would like to vote for, the Board has decided to try out a new nominating system in the interest of bringing into the open the widest possible range of subjects that interest NCS members.

The new system is this: Starting this month (and every three months thereafter, if it proves to

be worthwhile) a special NOMINATIONS form will be sent to each NCS member. Each member will be asked to list on this form the subjects that he or she would like to see commemorated by NCS. All of the resulting nominations will be tabulated statistically, and the new subjects placed on the next three months' ballots will be those which have been nominated by the largest number of NCS members.

In the event some great American passes away during the ensuing months, the Board may decide to put him on the ballot as an additional choice, but during this three month trial period, at least two new subjects will be placed on the ballot each month based solely on the number of NCS members who have suggested those subjects.

We are anxious to see how this new plan works out, and we urge you to exercise your privilege to nominate all the subjects that you believe are worthy of consideration.

## PAUL REVERE RIDES ON TO VICTORY ON LAST BALLOT

With plenty of votes to spare, Paul Revere's Famous Ride has been selected by the members as the subject for the 17th NCS commemorative, which is scheduled to be issued in December.

Here is a tally of the ballots received by the deadline:

A Commemorative of Paul Revere's Famous Ride ..	1786
A Memorial Tribute to Adlai Stevenson .....	959
A Commemorative of the Gemini 4 Space Flight .....	856
A Memorial Tribute to Bernard Baruch ....	265

The two subjects that polled the second and third largest number of votes are being carried over to the current ballot. Two new subjects, which have been nominated and seconded by several members, are being added to this month's ballot. The two new subjects are:

A Centennial Tribute to the Salvation Army
A Bi-Centennial Tribute to Robert Fulton

The current ballot is for the 18th NCS commemorative coin-medal, which is scheduled to be issued in January. This ballot must be received at NCS headquarters by September 13 to be counted.

## PLEASE REPORT ALL STOLEN OR LOST NCS PROOFS

There have been an increasing number of reports lately of NCS proofs and complete collections being stolen.

To combat this, the Board of Directors is working on plans to

help members recover stolen NCS proofs. Rewards and insurance are both under consideration.

In the meantime, if any of your NCS proofs have been lost or stolen, please report your loss to NCS headquarters. The next issue of the NEWSLETTER will list all reported lost or stolen NCS proofs, so that prospective purchasers can be forewarned and aid in the recovery.

## YOUNG NCS MEMBER-DEALER FEATURED IN TOLEDO PAPER

Douglas Lightner, who at 14 years of age is one of the nation's youngest successful coin dealers, was the subject of a feature story on the first page of the second news section of *The Toledo Blade* on June 7.

Douglas invests for his parents, his grandmother and friends. So far he has parlayed a \$1.75 initial investment into a collection valued at over \$1,000.00. He attributed most of his recent success to his ownership of two NCS memberships. He has found that the average profit he makes from reselling his second NCS proof each month pays for his first proof, so the maintenance of his first membership costs him nothing.

Douglas is well on his way to paying his own tuition for four years at Miami University. Then a career as a stockbroker.

His long-term goal: "A millionaire, of course," said the youth with confidence, "Why not?"



# NEWSLETTER

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## LATEST NCS COMMEMORATIVE SCULPTURED BY CO-DESIGNER OF COVETED UNITED STATES EXPERIMENTAL "MARTHA WASHINGTON" COINS

The NCS Washington Crossing the Delaware Coin-Medal, a sterling silver proof of which is being sent out to each NCS Member along with this issue of the NEWSLETTER, was sculptured by Philip Fowler, the young and talented sculptor-engraver of the United States Mint who sculptured the reverse of the famous "Martha Washington" trial pieces which were recently produced at the U. S. Mint to test out the new "sandwich" coinage materials. The obverse of these trial pieces was sculptured by Edward R. Grove, who also did the 6th NCS Commemorative honoring the Statue of Liberty. The hubs and dies of these trial pieces were engraved under the supervision of Frank Gasparro, who is now Chief Sculptor-Engraver of the U. S. Mint and who did the 4th NCS Commemorative honoring Francis Scott Key.

It has been authoritatively stated that some of the wealthier numismatists would pay up to \$50,000 for one of the "Martha Washington" experimental coins — but not one of these trial pieces will be available for purchase by anyone. In fact, every piece struck has been accounted

for by the U. S. Mint and is being destroyed, with the sole exception of the one set which was originally examined by President Johnson and which has now been encased in plastic for the national archives of the Smithsonian Institution.

NCS members have the next best thing — a limited edition proof sculptured by Mr. Fowler commemorating an event which certainly had a profound effect on Martha Washington's life. Not to mention the other NCS Commemoratives sculptured by Edward R. Grove and Frank Gasparro, the other two sculptor-engravers who worked on the "Martha Washington" experimental coins.

## NEW NOMINATING PROCEDURE TURNS UP HUNDREDS OF SUGGESTED SUBJECTS

The new nominating procedure, which we began testing last month, appears to be very successful.

About half of all NCS mem-

bers have participated in this experiment and have turned in their suggestions for future subjects. Close to a thousand different subjects have been suggested, and a good number of them have been suggested by so many NCS members that they are sure to go on the ballot in the near future.

The results are still being tabulated, and new nominations are being added to the tally as they come in. However, as we promised, the two subjects that have been nominated by the largest number of NCS Members will be added to the ballot this month. They are:

A Memorial Tribute to  
Dr. Albert Schweitzer  
(Nominated by 109 members)

A Commemorative Tribute to  
Thomas Edison  
(Nominated by 67 members)

### **HOOVER PLATINUM PROOF BRINGS \$2,100 AT AUCTION; PROMPTLY RESOLD FOR \$2,400**

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the NCS Hoover Memorial Coin-Medal was sold at the American Numismatic Association Convention Auction in Houston to a mail bidder for \$2,150. Within two weeks thereafter, it was resold for \$2,400.

Since this platinum proof was originally donated by NCS to the ANA for the benefit of the Association's National Home & Headquarters Fund, the \$2,150 auction proceeds were turned over to the ANA and that brings the total received by the ANA from the sale of seven NCS plat-

inum proofs up to \$15,175.

Platinum Proofs No. 1 of the 9th and 10th NCS Commemoratives have also been donated to the ANA for the benefit of the National Home & Headquarters Fund. Since the Fund has just about reached its \$250,000 goal, NCS's Board has decided to resume its original plan, effective with the Platinum Proofs that have been struck of the 11th NCS Commemorative, of donating Platinum Proof No. 1 to an appropriate individual or museum intimately associated with the subject being commemorated.

As a result of this decision, Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 11th NCS Commemorative, the Churchill Memorial Coin-Medal will be presented to Lady Churchill by the sculptor, Paul Vincze, instead of sterling silver proof No. 9 which will now go to the British Museum.

### **FIRST LISTING OF LOST AND STOLEN NCS PROOFS**

As indicated in the last issue of the NEWSLETTER, we will begin publishing this month a monthly cumulative list of lost and stolen NCS proofs. If you come across any of these or if they are offered to you at any time, please immediately communicate with NCS:

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0012	1st
2146	8th, 9th

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# NEWSLETTER

THE NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE SOCIETY, INC. 1000 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10018

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## ALBINO MANCA, FAMED ITALIAN MEDALLIST, DESIGNS WRIGHT BROTHERS COIN-MEDAL FOR NCS

Albino Manca, one of the world's greatest medallic sculptors, has produced a masterpiece for NCS members in the form of the 15th NCS commemorative coin-medal, commemorating the First Flight of the Wright Brothers.

Mr. Manca was the sculptor chosen to produce the special commemorative medal which was presented to Pope Paul during the Pope's recent visit to the United States. In fact, Mr. Manca worked on the Papal medal intermittently with the NCS medal. Mr. Manca also produced the famed Pieta medal which was featured at the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

We are proud to add Mr. Manca to the distinguished roster of NCS medallists. His complete biography appears on page 6.

### FREDDIE BALL WINS SECOND QUARTERLY NCS DISPLAY AWARD

Freddie W. Ball of Bristol, Tennessee, has been awarded the second quarterly cash prize of \$250.00 for the most interesting display of NCS material presented between July 1 and September 30, 1965.

His winning display also won awards at the following shows:

1. 1st Place trophy for the miscellaneous class at the Eastern Kentucky Coin Show at Jenkins, Ky. on August 14 and 15.
2. 1st Place trophy for the miscellaneous class at the North Wilkesboro Coin Show at North Wilkesboro, N. C. on September 11 and 12.
3. 1st Place trophy for "Best of Show" and 1st Place trophy for miscellaneous class at the Fayetteville Coin Show at Fayetteville, West Virginia, on September 18 and 19.

The third quarterly NCS Display Contest is now underway. Entries must be exhibited at some time between October 1 and December 31, 1965. For the complete list of rules, interested members should refer to the NCS NEWSLETTER dated July, 1965.

## THOMAS EDISON CHOSEN BY MEMBERS ON LAST MONTH'S BALLOT

A Commemorative Tribute to Thomas A. Edison, which was put on last month's ballot as a result of receiving the second largest number of nominations in the previous month's marathon nomination campaign, proved the value of the new nomination procedure by outpolling all the other subjects on last month's ballot. The final count was:

A Commemorative Tribute to Thomas A. Edison . . .	1073
A Memorial Tribute to Dr. Albert Schweitzer . .	881
A Memorial Tribute to Adlai Stevenson . . .	798
A Centennial Tribute to the Salvation Army . . .	783

The two subjects that polled the second and third largest number of votes are being carried over to the current ballot. The two new subjects, which were nominated by a large number of members, are:

A Commemorative of the  
Battle of the Alamo

A Commemorative Tribute  
to the City Express

The current ballot is for the 20th NCS commemorative coin-medal, which is scheduled to be issued in March. This ballot must be received at NCS headquarters by November 10 to be counted.

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2787	1st thru 10th
3221	1st
5102	1st, 10th

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The \$250.00 Quarterly Prize was awarded to Freddie Ball for this Display.





# NEWSLETTER

THE NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE SOCIETY, ONE CHEROKEE SECTION, 305 N.W. 10TH AVE., MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136

Volume 2 - Number 6

November, 1965

## NCS PUBLISHES STATEMENT ON IMITATIVE COMMEMORATIVE SOCIETIES

At the urging of many NCS members, the NCS Board of Directors has issued a statement establishing its position in regard to the several new "commemorative societies" which have sprung up recently. This statement was published in the November 10 issue of *Coin World* and in the November 22 issue of *Numismatic News*.

The heart of the statement read as follows:

"During the past several months, a number of new "commemorative societies" have sprung up in the numismatic field. All of these operations bear remarkable similarities to the NCS program. Some more than others. A few have used the NCS program as a guide. Others have obviously tried to copy it.

"To those new groups who show originality of concept and worthiness of purpose, we say 'more power to you.' We salute in particular the International Fraternal Commemorative Society, which is an organization formed for a noble charitable purpose by a group of Masons, along NCS lines but with different subject matter. We salute also the Société Commemorative de Femmes Célèbres, which is a

new commemorative society of international character with its own distinctive theme. There are, in addition, two other new commemorative societies, with interesting objectives and original themes, who have come to us for advice in their formative stages. We have gladly given them aid, because we felt they were sincere and deserved it. These groups have not yet publicly announced their programs, but you will undoubtedly hear more about them in the near future.

"On the other hand, to those who obviously are just trying to 'cash in' on NCS's popularity with imitations of the NCS program, we can offer no encouragement or cooperation. Indeed, we shall have to vigorously uphold our rights whenever our material is shamelessly copied. There have been at least four weak imitations of the NCS program started, two of which have apparently already sunk into oblivion. These imitators have

underestimated the ability of numismatists to tell the difference between the real thing and a poor copy, whether it be a coin or a commemorative program."

The statement went on to explain how the NCS program functions. Emphasis was placed on the fact that the NCS membership rolls are permanently closed and NCS no longer has any memberships for sale but that memberships are transferable and occasionally sold. The statement was spread over three full pages in both of the publications mentioned and included illustrations of the new NCS collector's chest as well as of each of the first 15 NCS coin-medals.

#### ALBERT SCHWEITZER SELECTED BY NCS MEMBERS FOR COMMEMORATION

A Memorial Tribute to Dr. Albert Schweitzer has been selected by NCS members to be the subject of the 20th NCS commemorative coin-medal, which is scheduled to be issued in March. The final count of votes cast on last month's ballot was:

A Memorial Tribute to Dr. Albert Schweitzer ....	1009
A Commemorative of the Battle of the Alamo .....	854
A Commemorative Tribute to the Pony Express .....	790
A Memorial Tribute to Adlai Stevenson .....	632

The two subjects that polled the second and third largest number of votes are being carried over to the current ballot. Stevenson is now being dropped, since

he came in fourth on the last ballot.

The two new subjects, which were nominated by a large number of members during September's marathon nomination campaign, are:

- A Commemorative Tribute to Thomas Jefferson
- A Commemorative Tribute to Lewis & Clark

The current ballot is for the 21st NCS commemorative coin-medal, which is scheduled to be issued in April. This ballot must be received at NCS headquarters by December 10 to be counted.

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2805	1st thru 15th
3154	9th
3221	1st
3619	All except 11th & 15th
3806	11th
4591	11th
5102	1st, 10th

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#### AGAINST LIVING MEN

Here we go again. Now, it's been suggested that NCS commemorate an "American of the Year." The possibilities inspire awe. Think of Martin Luther King, Robert Shelton, John Lindsay and Ronald Reagan. It's too emotional.

Only history can determine the true stature of a man, not contemporary public opinion. Only those who endure through the years. Some people in the late '30's thought Hitler was a "Man of the Year." Time proved them wrong.

I think we should no longer consider living men or those dead less than 20 years. What do other members say?

Gerard Richelo (0321)  
Springfield, N. J.

#### ARTISTS WILL BE ARTISTS

I think Albino Manca did a beautiful job on the Wright Brothers Coin-Medal, except for one big error. He put the dates upside down on the obverse. The dates on the reverse side are fine. But, why do one side one way and the other side the opposite way?

I will display this coin-medal with the reverse showing up in my collector's chest, as I don't want my friends standing on their heads to read the dates.

T. N. Pennacchio (4530)  
Warrensburg, Mo.

• *This is all a matter of "artistic license." Each artist does things differently.*

#### MORE ON WASHINGTON

After reading the last issue of the NEWSLETTER, I agree with Mr. L. Hudgins. The 14th coin-medal should have had a full bust of George Washington on the obverse. But, as far as it not being an example of skilled workmanship, I disagree very much with him.

It is a beautiful piece of work. The reverse side is especially unique.

Alexander A. Slabiak (0820)  
Warren, Mich.

#### POPULARITY CONTEST?

I would like to suggest that after the first 20 NCS coin-medals are produced that the Society let the membership vote on the most beautiful coin-medal

produced so far and on the far least attractive produced so far.

W. Frank Spooner (0030)  
Morristown, Tenn.

### DIES CAN ROTATE

Has any member noticed that the Washington Crossing The Delaware Coin-Medal does not have the obverse and reverse sides perpendicular to the same base? The two sides on my proof are almost 5° off in perpendicularity.

Dr. Herbert N. Oliver (2673)  
Kingston, Penna.

• *This is not peculiar to any particular issue, and may occur during any run if one of the dies rotates slightly in the coining press. It is not practical to check perpendicularity of every proof struck, so some proofs of any issue may be slightly off in perpendicularity.*

### NCS SERVICE APPLAUDED

Received the 10 new coin holders today and I am very happy to say that they are most satisfactory. These really seal.

I would like to congratulate NCS on the service the organization has provided me since I have been a member. It is truly remarkable in this day and age. Usually when I buy something today, I figure it's mine and that when something is wrong it will be up to me to remedy it. However, with NCS it is entirely different, and you have restored my faith in business.

Thomas Dee Root (1439)  
Hagerstown, Md.

### BALL'S AWARDS PILING UP

Many thanks for the award and the check for \$250.00 for first place in the Second Quarterly Display Contest. And, more important, thanks for the recognition given to the members for their work.

Since winning this contest, I have entered my NCS display in other shows and have won these additional awards:

1. Trophy for Best of Show  
Logan County Coin Show  
Logan, West Virginia  
October 2, 1965
2. Trophy for Best of Show  
Martinsville Coin Show  
Martinsville, Virginia  
October 9-10, 1965
3. Trophy for Best of Misc.  
Appalachian Coin Show  
Bristol, Virginia  
October 15-16, 1965

Since building my displays, I have won an award at every show that I have entered and have met and made many new friends through my NCS display.

I have a suggestion now about the Quarterly Display Contest. If other winners are like myself, the check for \$250.00 will have to be cashed and spent. After it is gone, it will somehow leave a blank space. I, therefore, would like to suggest that NCS keep \$25.00 of the \$250.00 and spend that amount on an appropriate trophy to be awarded each winner. This way each winner would have something to keep as a memento of winning the contest.

Freddie W. Ball (1915)  
Bristol, Tenn.

### CURRENT LIST OF DEALERS INTERESTED IN NCS MATERIAL

The list of coin dealers and brokers interested in buying and selling NCS Memberships and individual NCS proofs now stands at 35:

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Bill's Coin Shop, 12 Alcoma Arcade, Lake Wales, Fla.  
J. L. Blythe, Box 52913, Baton Rouge, La.  
Brown's Enterprises, Route 4, Box 417, Vineland, N. J.  
Catholic Bookshop of New York, 138 W. 32nd St., N. Y. 10001  
Cape Cod Coin Co., Box 151, Rockland, Mass.  
Cheatham Coin Shop, 639 Kress Bldg., Houston 2, Texas  
Coins & Components, Brookwood Plaza, Valdosta, Ga.  
Coins Thirtyseven, Box 9064, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137  
Consumers Service Coin Exch., 715 - 9th Ave., N., Texas City, Texas  
Jeff Cooper, 16652 Rayen St., Sepulveda, Calif. 91343  
D & L Coins, P. O. Box 97, San Perlito, Texas  
Epp Coin Supplies & Stamp Co., 112 S. Main St., Pratt, Kansas  
Fireside Coins, Box 4065, Benson Station, Omaha, Nebr. 68104  
Fr. Hayes Coin Shop, Lamer Hotel Bldg., Hays, Kansas 67601  
The Gallaghers, 568 Pinetree Rd., Jenkintown, Pa.  
Lee Hudgins, 263 N. Chicago St., Joliet, Ill.  
B. M. Jafferson, 93-18 101st Ave., Ozone Park, N. Y.  
Theodore R. Laven, Box 224, Emporia, Kansas 66801  
Liberty Coin Co., 445 Niagara St., Denver, Colo. 80220  
Douglas Lightner, 2510 Aldringham Rd., Toledo, Ohio  
Midax Coin Center, 4750 Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood, Ill. 60646  
Modern Hobbies, Box 347, Hapeville, Ga.  
Rankin's Coins & Stamps, 1310 - 20th Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska  
G. & E. Rogers, Philyer Drive, Hightstown, N. J.  
Leonard M. Rosenberry, 526 N. Franklin St., Pottstown, Pa.  
R. J. Ross, 120 S. Main St., Walton, Ky.  
Sadler's Coin Exchange, 11118 Prairie Ave., Inglewood, Calif.  
John Spero, 17116 S. Odell Ave., Tinley Park, Ill.  
The Stamp & Coin Shop, 75 Manchester St., Manchester, N. H.  
State Line Stamp Co., Box 233, Camp Hill, Pa.  
Steve's Coin & Stamp Shop, 210 French St., Lowell, Mass.  
Universal Coin Co., 31a, Market Place, Great-Bridge, Tipton, Staffs., England  
Wilco Coin Shop, Box 252, Raymondville, Texas 78580  
Wim's Coin & Stamp Studio, 242 Bank St., Ottawa, Canada

At last reports, bids for the complete NCS collection to date, together with future rights, were in the range of \$175 to \$350, and asking prices were in the range of \$285 to \$495. Several transactions were reported in the range of \$250 to \$325. Dealers and members are urged to report the actual prices at which all membership transfers are effected, so that this section of the Newsletter can be continually based upon up-to-date and accurate market information.



## ELEANOR PLATT Sculptor of the NCS Four Chaplains Coin-Medal

Eleanor Platt was born May 6, 1910, in Woodbridge, New Jersey, daughter of George Gilbert and Eva (Smith) Platt. She studied at the Art Students League from 1929 to 1933, and the New York Continuation School from 1933 to 1934. A recipient of the Chaloner scholarship in 1939, and a grant by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1944, she went on to win a Guggenheim scholarship in 1945. At the present time Miss Platt resides in New York City.

The learned sculptress was appointed to the Art Commission of the City of New York, April 4, 1964. She is also a member of the National Academy of Design

and a Fellow of the National Sculpture Society.

Her principal achievements include:

*Medals:* Reginald Heber Smith, National Legal Aid Association; Manley O. Hudson, The American Society of International Law; James Ewing, James Ewing Society Annual Award; Junius Fishburn, Sullivan Award for Service to Education and the State, Roanoke, Va.; George Wharton Pepper, Honorary Award by American Law Institute; Three portraits of Chief Justices Stone, Hughes and Jay, Columbia University School of Law Alumni Association.

*Sculpture:* Busts of Louis D. Brandeis, Supreme Court, Washington, D. C.; Henry L. Stimson, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Albert Einstein, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York; Learned Hand, Harvard Law School Library, Cambridge, Mass.; Justice Felix Frankfurter, Harvard Law School Library, Cambridge, Mass.; Dean Acheson, Truman Library, Independence, Missouri; and Chancellor William Pearson Tolly, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

*Other Works:* Plaques of Samuel J. Tilden, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; William L. Galvin, The Catholic University of Washington, D. C.; Carl Oberlin, Board of Directors' Room, Martin Steel Co., Mansfield, Ohio; and Arthur T. Vanderbilt, New York University of Law.



## THE FOUR CHAPLAINS COIN-MEDAL Sculptured by Eleanor Platt

16th COMMEMORATIVE PRIVATELY-STRUCK BY THE NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE SOCIETY

A minute after midnight on February 3, 1943, a Nazi torpedo smashed into the S.S. Dorchester, an American World War II troopship heading for Greenland. In the bitter cold blackness that followed, soldiers scrambled to the deck. Suddenly a boiler exploded. Confused boys, still in their teens, called for their mothers. The wounded screamed. Others just huddled in a dazed condition at the tilted rail.

Amidst this hysteria, four chaplains, of four different faiths, coordinated a magnificent effort to get as many of the men as possible in lifeboats and off the ship. Each of the four chaplains removed his own life jacket for a soldier in need. As the ship gave up to the sea, Rabbi Goode,

Reverend Fox, Reverend Poling and Father Washington, linked their arms together and prayed. That was the last anyone saw of the four chaplains. This was their heroic sacrifice.

The oldest chaplain was George Lansing Fox. He was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania. In 1917, he enlisted in the infantry. He was wounded in action and won the Silver Star for bravery. Later he married Isadora Hurlbut. They had two children. Having completed his college studies at Illinois Wesleyan and Boston University School of Theology, he went on to become a minister in the Vermont Methodist Church. With the advent of World War II, he and his son enlisted the same day.

Clark V. Poling was the youngest of the four men of God. His birth in Columbus, Ohio, marked the beginning of the seventh generation of Poling ministers. After two years at Hope College, he completed his courses at Rutgers. He received his Bachelor of Divinity at Yale Divinity School. While minister of the Schenectady First Reformed Church in New York, he married Betty Jung, of Philadelphia. They had a son named Corky. Before going away on active duty as an enlisted chaplain, he asked his father to pray that he should be adequate.

Alexander David Goode, son of a Rabbi, was born in Brooklyn, New York. Once, when quite young, he and his brother fought off the neighborhood bullies. "Fighting, I don't like," their father said, "but a man has to stand up for his rights or he won't have them long." A scholarship made it possible for Alex to go to Hebrew Union College and the University of Cincinnati. He then married Theresa Flax, and had four children. While Rabbi of a York, Pennsylvania Temple, he attended John Hopkins University for his Ph.D. Directly following Pearl Harbor, he applied for a post in the army.

Friendly, fun-loving John P. Washington, was born in Newark, New Jersey, son of Irish immigrants. As a young boy he almost died with quinsy. Later, when he was well, he observed,

"God must have kept me here for something. I'll try to discover what it is." After completing his studies for the priesthood, he was ordained June 15, 1935. Devoted to the boys in his parish, he organized baseball teams and played ball with them in the streets. When war came and his boys went into the army, it was only natural that "Father Johnny" go along.

And so these four men — Catholic, Jew, Protestant — met their fate on the slanting deck of the *Dorchester*. The old rusty transport, one of seven ships on the wild, icy waters off Greenland, had no chance against the submarine attack. About three hundred men out of one thousand lived to tell a tale of four chaplains, bound in brotherhood, praying, for those with more tomorrows.

The measure of a man is not in the length of his days, nor the inches he grows; but rather in the wisdom of his ways and the lessons he sows.

"Sea Of Glory," a book depicting this monumental deed, was written by a Catholic Priest. The proceeds are given to the families of the four chaplains. Six hundred memorial services honoring the men, are held annually throughout America. The Chapel of Four Chaplains, an interfaith memorial and sanctuary for brotherhood, is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is a fitting monument to these truly great Americans.



# NEWSLETTER

THE NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE SOCIETY, INC. 4312 HOPKINS ROAD, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44615

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## SOCIETE COMMEMORATIVE DE FEMMES CELEBRES EXTENDS INVITATIONS TO NCS MEMBERS

One of the two new commemorative societies which have been approved by the NCS Board of Directors, the Societe Commemorative de Femmes Celebres, has extended a special invitation to each NCS member to become a Charter Member of that organization. According to a letter that was sent to each NCS member, which was first reviewed by the NCS Board of Directors, no membership fee will be charged to NCS members who accepted this invitation prior to January 1, 1966. Other coin collectors will be invited to join in January upon payment of a \$15.00 membership fee. The membership rolls will be permanently closed at the end of January.

This new organization is complementary to NCS, and not simply an imitation of NCS as some other new "commemorative societies" are. The Societe Commemorative de Femmes Celebres, which is headed up by Miss Freda Scribner, a prominent educator and member of NCS, will commemorate the Great Women of History and will issue a new coin-medal once every two months. It is headquartered

at One Wynnewood Road in Wynnewood, Penna., which is a suburb of Philadelphia not too far from the NCS offices.

The NCS Board of Directors has also extended its cooperation to The International Fraternal Commemorative Society of 4312 Hopkins Road, Youngstown, Ohio, which is open only to Masons.

### REMINDER: THIRD QUARTERLY DISPLAY CONTEST CLOSES JANUARY 10

The 3rd Quarterly prize of \$250.00 will be awarded to the NCS member who submits a photograph of the most interesting display of NCS material exhibited at some time during the months of October, November or December, 1965. The photograph and accompanying information must be submitted by January 10, 1966. Please refer to the July 1965 Newsletter for more details.

## BATTLE OF THE ALAMO SELECTED BY NCS MEMBERS FOR COMMEMORATION

A Commemorative of the Battle of the Alamo has been selected by NCS members to be the subject of the 21st NCS commemorative coin-medal, which is scheduled to be issued in April, 1966. The final count of votes cast on last month's ballot was:

A Commemorative of the Battle of the Alamo	1,234
A Commemorative Tribute to the Pony Express	975
A Commemorative Tribute to Thomas Jefferson	970
A Commemorative Tribute to Lewis & Clark	459

As is the usual practice, the two subjects that polled the second and third largest number of votes are being carried over to the current ballot.

The two new subjects added to the ballot this month, which were nominated by a large number of members during September's marathon nomination campaign, are:

A Commemorative of the Discovery of America	
A Commemorative Tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt	

The current ballot is for the 22nd NCS commemorative coin-medal, which is scheduled to be issued in May, 1966. This ballot must be received at NCS headquarters by January 10, 1966 to be counted.

## COMMEMORATIVES IN THE WORKS

At the suggestion of member M. C. Sauer, whose letter appears in the Mailbag section this month, we will list in the Newsletter each month those subjects which

have been selected by the members and for which NCS commemorative coin-medals are in the works:

No. 18 — January, 1966  
*The Gemini Space Flights*  
Sculptor—Evangelos Frudakis

No. 19 — February, 1966  
*Thomas A. Edison*  
Sculptor—Warner Williams

No. 20 — March, 1966  
*Dr. Albert Schweitzer*  
Sculptor—Elizabeth Jones

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## SUGGESTIONS FROM SAUER

The 16th NCS coin-medal commemorating the Four Chaplains is superb in every way. The artwork needs no improvement and the minting is something special in excellence. Our own government mint would vastly improve their proof coins if they could produce similar strikes.

Your NEWSLETTER is interesting and informative reading, keeping each member posted up to date on what you are doing to keep everybody happy, and this publication goes a long way to keep up the interest in medals — and numismatics. In The Mailbag come some splendid ideas from the membership. In this connection, I do not want to pass up the chance of recommending the following:

1. Print the write-up, with picture of the coin-medal, on a separate piece of paper, so the write-ups could be kept with the medals.
2. On the Official Ballot, have a blank line in which the member could write in a subject in the event he wanted to vote for his own

choice that did not appear on the ballot.

3. In each NEWSLETTER, have a section that lists the subjects already selected which are being worked on. This would take very little room and would be helpful to each member in remembering which subjects are coming up.

M. C. Sauer (1551)  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

• Since we plan to publish a book covering each ten NCS coin-medals, we do not believe that separate leaflets on each issue are necessary. However, we agree with Mr. Sauer's other two suggestions and are putting them into effect immediately. In all fairness, we want to report that several other members also suggested a write-in space on the ballot.

## THE SECRET

How you ever manage to engage such world famous medal-lists consistently amazes me.

William K. Snyder (1894)  
Tulsa, Okla.

• The answer is simply this: It is now considered a great honor

*to be included on NCS's distinguished roster of sculptors, and NCS pays well. That combination of factors can't be beat.*

### MORE COMMENTS ON SUBJECTS

What cruelty to perpetuate upon an enthusiastic member. I want to vote for ALL FOUR of the subjects on this ballot.

Mae Noell (0401)  
Tarpin Springs, Fla.

I am not impressed with the selection of subjects on the ballot. I realize that you cannot satisfy everyone, but some of the subjects are not even worthy of consideration. Example, the 100th Anniversary of the Ending of the Civil War. This war is not yet over, so why commemorate it. I would like to see this Society become a leader in this field. This requires that a greater effort be made to select subjects that will be the envy of all. On most of the ballots, I can honestly say that there has not been one subject that I could justifiably place in this category. I do not believe that excellency can be achieved by the present method of selection. I would suggest a committee of mature experienced members who would have the power to pass on all nominations, discarding those deemed unworthy, and placing on the ballot only those deemed worthy.

Lt. Col. R. B. Koos (1854)  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

I believe the present method of balloting is fine, although I feel we should select subjects

a little more from the FAR past. There is a tendency to commemorate more present occasions and people. I don't believe this is adding to the historical value of the coin-medals. Let us promote and record history by those who have made it.

Charles E. Pierce (5004)  
Monongahela, Penna.

In the choice of subjects, my feelings differ. This is not to say that the proposed subjects were not worthy of commemoration or were not approved in a democratic way. My argument is that we are living in the 20th Century. Why dig back in the annals of American History where the place or person are already honored with due respect? A look at my first ten coin-medals reveal that only three subjects were a dedication of the postwar years. A look at my second case that only the Churchill commemorative is in line with my point of view. Have not the postwar years culminated a climax where the world looks at the United States with somewhat a different view than ever before? Thus, let the purpose of the Society be a dedication to the Century in which we are living, so that our hobby leaves a stimulating thought to the cause of the present and to be cherished in the years to come. I would hope that this could be a constructive change and offer a vision of which we can be proud.

Joseph J. Fries (4583)  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Cape Cod Coin Co., Box 151, Rockland, Mass.  
Cheatham Coin Shop, 639 Kress Bldg., Houston 2, Texas  
Coins & Components, Brookwood Plaza, Valdosta, Ga.  
Coins Thirtyseven, Box 9064, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137  
Consumers Service Coin Exch., 715 - 9th Ave., N., Texas City, Texas  
Jay's Coins, 412 S. Brobst St., Shillington, Pa.  
Jeff Cooper, 16652 Rayen St., Sepulveda, Calif. 91343  
D & L Coins, P. O. Box 97, San Perlito, Texas  
Epp Coin Supplies & Stamp Co., 112 S. Main St., Pratt, Kansas  
Fields Coins, 2818 N. Piedras, El Paso, Texas  
Fireside Coins, Box 4065, Benson Station, Omaha, Nebr. 68104  
Ft. Hayes Coin Shop, Lamer Hotel Bldg., Hays, Kansas 67601  
The Gallaghers, 568 Pinetree Rd., Jenkintown, Pa.  
Lee Hudgins, 263 N. Chicago St., Joliet, Ill.  
B. M. Jafferson, 93-18 101st Ave., Ozone Park, N. Y.  
Theodore R. Laven, Box 224, Emporia, Kansas 66801  
Liberty Coin Co., 445 Niagara St., Denver, Colo. 80220  
Douglas Lightner, 2510 Aldringham Rd., Toledo, Ohio  
Midax Coin Center, 4750 Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood, Ill. 60646  
Modern Hobbies, Box 347, Hapeville, Ga.  
Rankin's Coins & Stamps, 1310 - 20th Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska  
G. & E. Rogers, Philver Drive, Hightstown, N. J.  
Leonard M. Rosenberg, 526 N. Franklin St., Portstown, Pa.  
R. J. Ross, 120 S. Main St., Walton, Ky.  
Sadler's Coin Exchange, 11118 Prairie Ave., Inglewood, Calif.  
John Spero, 17116 S. Odell Ave., Tinley Park, Ill.  
The Stamp & Coin Shop, 75 Manchester St., Manchester, N. H.  
State Line Stamp Co., Box 233, Camp Hill, Pa.  
Steve's Coin & Stamp Shop, 210 French St., Lowell, Mass.  
Universal Coin Co., 31a, Market Place, Great-Bridge, Tipton, Staffs., England  
Wilco Coin Shop, Box 252, Raymondville, Texas 78580  
Wim's Coin & Stamp Studio, 242 Bank St., Ottawa, Canada

At last reports, bids for the complete NCS collection to date, together with future rights, were in the range of \$155 to \$550, and asking prices were in the range of \$250 to \$600. Several transactions were reported in the range of \$185 to \$425. Dealers and members are urged to report the actual prices at which all membership transfers are effected, so that this section of the Newsletter can be continually based upon up-to-date and accurate market information.





## THOMAS LO MEDICO Sculptor of the NCS Paul Revere Coin-Medal

Thomas G. Lo Medico, son of Philip and Angelina (Cimino) Lo Medico, was born July 11, 1904, in New York City. After studying sculpture evenings at the Beaux Arts Institute of Design in New York City from 1920 to 1930, he became an architectural sculptor. He is married to the former Leonarda Liscianandra and they live in Tappan, N. Y.

Mr. Lo Medico has instructed at the Students Craft Institute, and periodically lectures at the School of Industrial Arts. In addition to being a Fellow of the National Sculpture Society and the American Numismatic Society, he is a member of the Architectural League of New York and Allied Artists of America.

His principal works include:

*Medals:* Herbert Adams Memorial Award Medal, National

Sculpture Society, 1946; 38th Issue, Society of Medalists, 1948; World Council of Churches Medal, Second Assembly, Evanston, Ill., 1954; Alice Free Palmer Medal, Hall of Fame, 1965.

*Sculpture:* Eight life-size sculptures, Wilmington, North Carolina Post Office and Courthouse, 1936; American Family Group, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 1938; Eight by ten foot sculpture — "Elements In Education," Elias Bernstein Junior High School, 1965.

*Other Works:* Portrait plaque of Charles W. Goodyear for A. Conger Goodyear; Lasker Award for Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation; Walter W. Moyer Memorial and Walter E. Otto Trophy, Medallie Art Co.; Portraits of Jack Baar — Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; Carlo Pitello — cellist — Metropolitan Opera Assn., Nicholas Papalucure — Woodhaven, L. I., and Peter Climino, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Exhibitions:* The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Whitney Museum of American Art, Pennsylvania Academy of Art, the National Academy of Design.

*Awards:* "Wings of Victory—the Spirit of Aviation," Artists for Victory, 1942; Citation for medals submitted in competition for Golden Anniversary of New York City, 1948; Mrs. Louis Bennett Award and Lindsey Morris Memorial Award, National Sculpture Society, 1952; J. Stanford Saltus Medal, American Numismatic Society, 1956.



## THE PAUL REVERE COIN-MEDAL Sculptured by Thomas Lo Medico

17th COMMEMORATIVE PRIVATELY-STRUCK BY THE NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE SOCIETY

This is the story of Paul Revere and his midnight ride to Lexington and immortality. It was April 18, 1775. The British troops were preparing to march to Lexington and Concord, where they planned to seize the Americans' powder supplies and their two rebel leaders, Samuel Adams and John Hancock. Forty-year-old Paul Revere — silversmith, express-rider, patriot and soon to be hero — somehow got through the heavily patrolled streets of Boston to the North Church. Quickly he conferred with the sexton, who then climbed to the belfry and lit a lantern to alert the colonists at Charlestown. With help from loyal friends, Revere escaped by boat to Charlestown. Ready booted and spurred to ride, he was given the fastest horse in town, the horse that was to gallop into history, poetry

and folklore. Riding towards Cambridge, the fearless patriot skirted two British officers who were blocking the road. But they saw him and gave chase. Outriding them, he turned down another road, awakening the Captain of the Minute Men, and alarming every house on the way. "The Regulars are out!" Men rode off in different directions to carry the warning, while women and children fled to the swamps.

Paul Revere charged through the moonlit night, and coming upon Lexington, his spirit of freedom was somewhat overshadowed by a sudden thought, that soon men were to die. Shortly after initiating Hancock's and Adams' escape Revere's worst fears were realized. British Redcoats marched into Lexington and clashed with seventy-seven

colonial Minute Men. Eight Americans were killed, ten wounded, and the first shot that was "heard round the world" marked the beginning of the American Revolution. Moving on to Concord, the British soldiers were subjected to grueling fire from rebels concealed in houses, behind trees and walls; auguring the collapse of British authority in America.

Two other brave Americans, William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott, had joined forces with Revere that momentous night, in saving lives and ammunition. If Henry Wadsworth Longfellow spotlighted Paul Revere for his stirring though somewhat inaccurate ballad, "Paul Revere's Ride," it was with good reason. Always close to the revolutionary movement, Revere bosomed a patriotism equal to the dedicated leaders of his time.

Paul Revere was born January 1, 1735, in Boston, Massachusetts. A silversmith, Paul became so skilled that no American craftsman surpassed him during the fifty years he worked in silver. His creation, "The Liberty Bowl," became quite famous. As a devoted Mason he made the first of many Freemason medals. His initial effort at copperplate engraving was a notification of their meetings.

Paul married Sara Orne shortly after their courting days in 1757. Sara died May 3, 1773. That fall, Paul married Rachel Walker. With each wife he had eight children, but only eleven lived.

From the very beginning he was involved in the struggle against British oppression. He joined The Sons of Liberty, a secret club whose foremost figures included Samuel Adams and John Hancock. "Taxation without representation is tyranny" was the outcry. The Tea Act passed by Parliament infuriated the people, and triggered the "Boston Tea Party." The inflamed Bostonians, led by Revere, disguised themselves as Indians and unloaded three cargoes of tea in the Boston harbor. Without any sleep, Revere rode express to New York and Philadelphia, to get the colonists' moral support. This sparked the formation of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. After more British reprisals, Revere again and again rode express, until that historical midnight ride on April 18, 1775. During the war he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel, and was responsible for the defense of Boston. While repairing guns at Castle Island, the multi-talented artisan invented a new type of gun-carriage. Anxious to fill the New World's deperate need for money and ammunition, he pioneered also in the printing of paper money and in the development of a powder mill.

But it was the casting of church bells after the Revolution that gave him his greatest satisfaction, even more so than his lucrative copper mill. Long after Paul Revere's death on May 10, 1818, his bells rang in New England spires, to the glory of God and Paul Revere.